THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

W.P.No.22246 of 2005

Date:16.11.2005

Nimmada Umamaheswari.

--------PETITIONER

The Regional Manager, A.P.S.R.T.C., Srikakulam and another.

---------RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

The father of the petitioner, by name Raju, has been working as a Driver in A.P.S.R.T.C. He died on 09.07.2002 while in service. The petitioner submitted an application to the 1st respondent, with a request to provide alternative employment to her. The 1st respondent passed an order, dated 18.02.2005, stating that the petitioner was not qualified to be appointed as Conductor, by the time her father died. It was also indicated that the petitioner can avail the additional monetary benefit in lieu of alternative employment. The petitioner challenges the same.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing counsel for the Corporation.

It is true that there exists a scheme for providing compassionate appointment to the dependents of the employees, who died while in service. Extension of such benefit, however, is subject to certain conditions viz., that the family of the deceased-employee being in penury and the dependants possessing requisite qualifications. In the instant case, the 1st respondent took the view that the petitioner was not qualified to be offered alternative employment, on account her under age. No exception can be taken to the view expressed by

the 1st respondent. In all fairness, he offered additional monetary benefit, in lieu of alternative employment, to the petitioner.

Hence, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing that the 1st respondent shall extend the additional monetary benefit to the petitioner, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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